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**Part-time instructor Jim Thornton, a local attorney, teaches International Politics**

## \$36,000 grant buys computer

By GWEN WESTBROOK  
Contributing Writer

Big smiles wreath the faces of the alumni affairs office staff this year, thanks to an IBM-AT computer which greatly facilitates office efficiency.

According to Dr. Peter Smits, assistant to the chancellor, the \$36,000 computer was bought after the Office of Alumni Affairs submitted an application to SWEPCO for a grant, subsequently co-funded by SWEPCO and KCS.

John Turk, president and chief executive officer of SWEPCO, said it was unusual for the two companies to co-fund a grant, but because the request was so large, KCS agreed to join with SWEPCO in funding the computer.

The computer system consists of an IBM-AT computer and seven terminals with 90 megabytes of storage capacity. (One megabyte is equal to 1,048,576 bytes of character spaces.) The computer is not part of the campus computer system; however, the jobs of two or three members of the staff require access to information stored in the campus computer

system, and those terminals have been connected to the campus computer system.

According to Smits, the computer has been helpful in recording the names and addresses and other pertinent information of some 7,000 individuals, including alumni and donors. The system also has a record-keeping system and a word-processing system.

Phyllis Graham, director of alumni affairs, says the computer is invaluable in recording current alumni information: their degrees, occupations, families, birthdays, Social Security numbers and addresses. While the computer cannot totally handle the time-consuming job of finding a "lost" alumni — hours of telephoning friends, relatives, and former employers of alumni, writing letters of inquiry, and sending out questionnaires — it has saved a great deal of time. The computer updates the records in a matter of minutes. Once the correct information is obtained.

When alumni must relocate due to a job or career change, the information in the computer helps the various departments on

campus stay in contact with them.

Asked why the grant was awarded to alumni affairs, Turk said: "We make contributions to worthwhile endeavors through the year...LSUS is very important to the city of Shreveport and the educational community. We felt the money invested in this project would be of direct assistance to the instructors, and down-the-line, to the students."

Jan Armstrong, assistant to the vice president of KCS, said that KCS employs many people in this area and feels a responsibility to the community, especially in these hard times. Co-funding the grant to alumni affairs is in keeping with their philosophy of helping the communities and educational institutions in the cities where their employees work and are educated.

Alumni affairs secures donations to fund various scholarships through the financial aid office: the Valedictorian Scholarships, Leadership Scholarships and Academic Scholarships.

The office's work on behalf of LSUS students will be made a little easier because of the grant from SWEPCO and KCS.

## Part-time staff: a blessing and a handicap

By KEVAN SMITH  
News Editor

Part-time instructors contribute greatly to LSUS but also present added burdens for full-time faculty, say some professors.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin, vice chancellor for administration, said that part-time instructors, also called adjuncts, are persons appointed to the faculty for a certain interim. Normally, they are appointed for one semester, even if the same instructors will teach a class for two semesters.

When money is allocated to LSUS in June or July, the college deans estimate how many part-time instructors will be needed for the year based on the number of full-time faculty and the number of classes that will be offered. Guerin and the Office of Business Administration then allocate special funds to the colleges for hiring part-time faculty to cover the classes.

The College of Liberal Arts currently has 25 adjuncts; the College of Sciences has 20; the College of Business Administration has 12; and the College of Education has 19.

Dr. Robert Tabarlet, dean of education, said that all universities have only enough full-time faculty to teach about 75-90 percent of their courses, so they get people from the community to teach courses in their specialties.

"I think this is something," Tabarlet said, "that would be a good idea even if you didn't need adjuncts. To have people from the community at the university gives the community a look into what the university is all about."

But Tabarlet thinks the College of Education has too many part-time faculty. "We've got more than twenty," Tabarlet said. "That's close to 30 percent of our total schedule. We probably ought to be keeping this to five or ten percent; now, that would be healthy."

"Adjuncts are both a blessing and a handicap," Tabarlet said.

"A blessing because we can get people with special expertise and knowledge to teach, and a handicap because they do no committee work, no research, no special projects and no community service. They just teach one class and then they go home, and we need full-time faculty to do the other work."

Dr. Patricia Bates, chairman of the English department, agrees with Tabarlet. The English department uses six part-time faculty to teach English 105 and 115, but some are drawn from other colleges and departments at LSUS.

Bates said that part-time faculty present special problems to the English department because they must be trained to fit department guidelines for uniform grading. She also said that part-time faculty do not serve on committees.

However, Bates said the English department has been "very fortunate to have such excellent part-time faculty."

"We've been fortunate to have a good pool in the community to draw people from — people who've taught before and people from the magnet schools," she said. "The number of part-time faculty does not endanger the quality of our institution; I think part-time faculty can strengthen a program if used judiciously."

At the end of last year, Guerin had remaining \$30,000 of the money that had been allocated to pay the adjuncts. The excess funds were channeled into recruitment of full-time faculty and into paying unused sick leave to retired professors.

"With the tight budget," Guerin said, "we've had very little travel money, so about 90 percent of it (surplus) went into a travel account to pay for potential faculty members' travel expenses."



# editorial



## Gallaudet: New president blind to students

Suppose that the chancellor of this university spoke only Amharic (Ethiopia's official language). Imagine the inconvenience of having an interpreter as a perpetual sidekick. Frustration and lack of communication would be the undisputed results.

The present situation at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. is similar. However, it is not a problem of a spoken language barrier. The problem is that the newly appointed president of the university, Elisabeth Zinser, speaks only the English language and does not know sign language. The majority of the students at Gallaudet is either deaf or hearing-impaired; and therefore, the students expect to be understood by their president through the language of sign.

Students are protesting for the reappointment of a deaf or hearing-impaired university president, or at least a president who knows and understands sign language. The students are fighting for a noble cause and deserve to be accommodated.

If a reappointment process is followed, then a victory will be won and a precedent will be set.

Think about it, parking places are not all that handicapped people require for survival. They also require the fair treatment and chances at success that all people deserve.

## Sunday mornings and bridges

By ERIC BANKS  
Managing Editor

It must have been 1978. Carly Simon was singing about Warren Beatty — "You're so vain, I bet you think this song is about you." Me-Ma, my father's mother, was in town and on that Sunday morning, we were driving across the bridge to the Quarter for beignets — hot doughnuts filled with air and topped with powdered sugar.

Sunday morning. Seven of us were in the car, a Buick 225, red with a black vinyl top. Church wasn't as important to mom as

it is nowadays.

I had on my favorite pair of bell-bottoms — checked and cuffed at the bottom — and a pair of tennis shoes — on the left heel, the numbers 1776 running perpendicular to the sole — on the right heel, 1776 doing the same. The shoes were 21 years old now — commemorative shoes, red, white, and blue.

The bridge was a monstrous expanse, rising high enough to let the tallest of ships pass under, unscathed. Six lanes of traffic, three coming, three going were split by an emergency lane.

The electronic billboards flashed, "You are speeding, You are speeding," if you happened to be speeding. I used to get Dad to set the signs flashing. I'd laugh and crouch low in the seat, hiding from the police that never came.

Sunday morning. The windows are down. Carly was singing — "And all the girls dreamed that they'd be your partner, they'd be your partner." The Buick kicked down a gear, struggling a little to get the seven of us up the bridge. The clouds were getting closer.

A Volkswagen Bug was stopped  
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### LETTERS POLICY

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# Jackson much improved since 1984

By JACK WILLIAMS  
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Last year I wrote a column suggesting that the Rev. Jesse Jackson could use his oratorical and leadership skills in better ways than running for president. Now I'm not so sure.

Candidate Jesse Jackson, the 1988 version, is a much-improved version of Candidate Jesse Jackson, the 1984 version. This time he is not the anomaly of the campaign, the first major black candidate. This time he is running a tight, clean, well-organized campaign, sans the racial slurs. This time he is simply a candidate for the highest

elected office in the United States—as if the term “simply” could ever apply to Jackson.

Although the majority of Jackson's support is still black, he is making what appear to be genuine inroads into the white community, especially poor whites and peace activists.

In the recent Super Tuesday primaries, Jackson received about ten percent of his votes from whites—a higher percentage of white votes than Ronald Reagan received from blacks. On Super Tuesday, Jackson won four states, including Louisiana, and received the second highest number of delegates. And all this

was achieved with the smallest budget of any other candidate. His wins are a tribute to a well-organized campaign with a relatively large base of support.

The 1988 version of Jackson is a “more mature” candidate, he says. He is still the spirited, inspirational orator. But he has moved beyond that, beyond the rhymes and the metaphors. He has put forth a platform calling for responsible, caring, sensible government. While the current administration is cutting aid to education and farms and spending what it does not have on useless military hardware,

Jackson is proposing a stronger commitment to the education of our young and increased security for our elderly and poor.

Jackson has been one of the few candidates with the political *chutzpah* to oppose the Israeli terrorism on the West Bank. He has proposed a policy of self-determination for the people of Nicaragua and South Africa, something the current Administration refuses to do.

And perhaps most importantly, Jackson has backed his positions with action. He is the only candidate that marched with lesbians and gays in support of their

basic human rights last October. While Rep. Dick Gephardt is calling for protectionism to protect American jobs, Jackson has marched with workers on picket lines of companies shutting down and called for incentives to keep the companies here in America.

The Jesse Jackson of 1988 is a different, more mature candidate than the Jesse Jackson of 1984. This time he is expanding beyond the narrow base of the 1984 campaign. And although the white portion of the Rainbow Coalition is not as large as the other portions, it is now definitely part of the visible spectrum.

## Sunday mornings

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ped in the emergency lane up top. Traffic was heavy. A girl with long hair, 70's style hair, got out of the bug. She was real young.

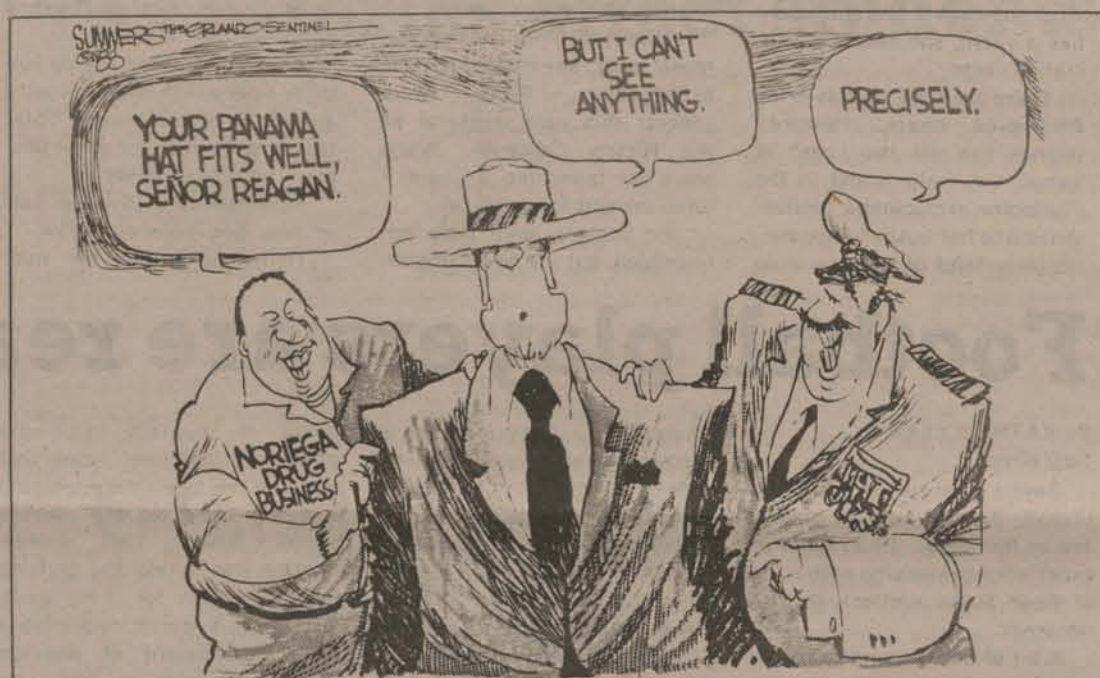
Sunday morning. The girl ran in front of the Buick. Dad hit the brakes, almost hitting her. I was confused. Mom was scared. Dad jammed the car into park and ran after the girl. We were so high in the air.

She climbed over the rail,

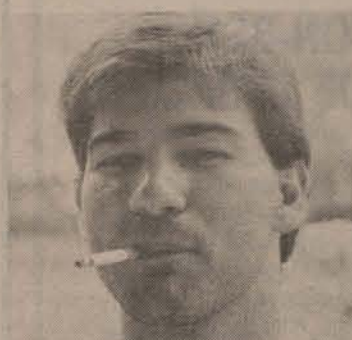
almost looking back. She jumped. Carly was singing — “I had a dream there were clouds in my coffee, clouds in my coffee.”

Sunday morning. The barges dragged the river. They found her. We never ate beignets.

Sometimes I know I'm feeling what that girl must have been feeling. I just get over it.



## What is your theory on why Wile E. Coyote never catches the Road Runner?



**Kevin Cloud**, senior, political science: “In this classic Darwinistic struggle the only solution is the passage of a congressional bill where by the United States would provide military aid and advisors to the coyote to ensure stability in the desert. America must increase its sphere of influence into all cartoons if we ever hope to win the hearts and minds of our future little soldiers.”



**Ellen Jarratt**, sophomore, public relations: “The show wouldn't go on and thousands of kids would be very sad.”



**Thomas Baird**, junior, marketing: “The possibilities are endless for one or the other. Whether the road runner is foreseen as good and Wile E. as evil is left to the individual through personal experiences. Triumph or failure! But could it be possible that one day Wile E. catches the road runner? It could be that once over the fire, he's a tough bird.”



**Janice Little**, sophomore, history: “Because it's the theory of good and evil. The coyote is bad so he can't win. The road runner is good and will always win; plus, it depends on who is drawing the cartoon.”



**Kathy Leach**, freshman, marketing: “The road runner epitomizes the elusive capitalist, and the coyote is the blundering, dimwitted communist.”



## campus features

# Hollenshead travels

By ERIC BANKS  
Managing Editor

Jean Hollenshead was married in Athens, Greece. The newlyweds upstairs apartment, two blocks from Aristotle Onassis' main residence, overlooked the Mediterranean. Mornings, the couple would look out onto the sea and watch the *Christina*, the Onassis' yacht, sail in and out.

Hollenshead's husband was making about \$400 a month at the time. She remembers watching the grand boat and saying, "someday". She still would like a yacht, she said, "a well-staffed yacht".

There are 7,200 islands in the Philippine chain. Hundred Islands lies off the coast of Luzon, the main island in the Philippine archipelago. Hollenshead and her husband are particularly fond of their vacation

time in Hundred Islands. "The water is very clear and very shallow," she said. "It's one of the most serene places. You can really get your thoughts together there."

Hollenshead hopes to one day explore parts of South America, including the southernmost tip, and she'd also like to travel to South Africa.

Locally, her favorite past-times reflect the season. "On winter's nights, I like to curl up by a warm fire," she said. On a summer's eve, a quiet dinner is in order for the Mrs. and Mr.

Hollenshead is a country music lover. She treated herself to the Judds — Randy Travis concert this past weekend at the Hirsch Coliseum. When she's not humming a country tune, she opts for classical.

She doesn't have time for television, but she never misses

a showing of *Gone With The Wind*, or *The Sound Of Music* — "I've seen it seven times," she admits.

Hollenshead's favorite meal is one that she didn't cook. Her tastebuds are international — either Italian or French, and for dessert, something with chocolate.

**Question:** At what age do you think a person should be issued a driver's license? **Answer:** "I think a 15-year old is capable of managing a car. This may be idealistic, but I think there should be more of an assessment, than just being 15-years old."

**Question:** At what age do you think a person should be legally allowed to drink? **Answer:** "Sixteen or seventeen for some people — for others, never."

Hollenshead's favorite color, blue, has replaced yellow. Hollenshead, like her hus-



Jean Hollenshead

photo by Kevin Jerome

band, has never been an ardent sports fan. "I've enjoyed not being a football widow," she said.

Hollenshead graduated from Byrd High in 1962. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from LSU-BR. In 1972, she received her Master's from Chapman College in

Orange, California. She attended the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines where she received her Ph.D. in 1979. She has been a psychology professor at LSUS since 1984.

She has lived around the globe and says that being the wife of a military man has its advantages.

# Football players are real people, too

By KATHY KYSAR  
Staff Writer

Baylor is on spring break and literally tons of football players are on the loose. I had quite an experience conversing with a few of these super-intellectuals this last week.

A bit of background might be useful here... My best friend, Suzanne, and her brother, David, were home from Baylor this week. "Big Dave" (as he has been affectionately named) is a red-shirted freshman on the Baylor football team. He invited a couple of his football buddies to come and spend a few days in the booming metropolis of Shreveport. They are "Texas homeboys", and they sure do grow them big over there.

Yeah-yeah, I had (note: "had"—past tense) all of the typical football stereotypes fermented deeply in my soul. But after spending a few hours with Big Dave, Gary and David, all of that changed.

Big Dave (note: you must say his name with your chin firmly planted against your chest and speaking from deep within your gut in order to get the full, resonant sound needed) is an offensive lineman. This 6'1", 275 lb. brute hardly ever smiles and seems to feel no pain, or maybe he secretly loves it. This confirmed my stereotype of blood-thirsty football zombies. But the night was young.

Suzanne decided to ask the guys if they got violent when they were angry, having seen Big Dave rip a door from its hinges in one blow, all for the sake of a

"dumb girl". Gary (6'4", 260 lb. offensive tackle) was quick to inform us that he didn't get angry. This mild-tempered ruffian said, "It hurts to hit walls. I don't like to do that." You see, all football players aren't dumb. Blonde, blue-eyed Gary doesn't seem at all like the blood-thirsty type either.

The third of these stooges (Just kidding, guys!) is a 5'11", 180 lb. wide receiver named David. He was the smallest, yet he managed to hold his own in a sort of "patty-cake" game in which these football lunatics determined who had the best

sense of balance and the strongest "high-five" using both hands at the same time (which is a feat in itself for the average Baylor Bear). This demonstration was surely the epitome of coordination for these guys. Yes, in this game requiring a moderate amount of physical stability, the wide receiver came through in shining colors. I guess that's a good sign!

There was one very puzzling question that I had for these men of the field. They all had small gold dots adhered to their watches. According to them, it was a secret symbol that all of the

Baylor players kept to themselves. No amount of convincing would make them tell me the real reason behind this symbol of secrecy on the dial of their watches. I came to the final decision that the dot is an indicator to tell them which way to put their watches on. What else could it be?

The five of us were watching "Summer School" when a scene came on in which two football players are blocking each other in a very rough and unfriendly manner, to put it mildly. Finally, one guy gets knocked down by the other and says, "You wanna

learn how to surf?", realizing that this football nonsense is not his idea of fun. To this, a response arose from one of the football brutes sitting on the, now sagging, couch (he will remain anonymous here for obvious reasons) emanating the ultimate aspersion against society along with all of its conformities. He said, "I hate that feeling!" At that very moment an astonishing discovery reverberated through my entire being which has brought me to the conclusion that (at the risk of sounding cliché-ish), "Football players are people, too!"

## ROTC Rangers take championship

The LSUS ROTC Ranger team was among 200 cadets competing in the 1988 Bayonet Brigade Ranger Challenge held Feb. 26-27 on the Northeast Louisiana University campus.

The nine-member team from LSUS was awarded the championship trophy by Col. Gene Bruce, Bayonet Brigade Commander. The competition involved 19 teams from Army ROTC units throughout Louisiana and Arkansas.

Ranger Challenge is a six-event competition designed to promote esprit d'corps, confidence, leadership and excellence in training among students enrolled in Army ROTC.

The 1988 Ranger Challenge

was comprised of the Army physical fitness test, marksmanship with the M16A1 rifle, assembly of the M60 machine gun and M16A1 rifle, grenade throw, construction of a rope bridge, and 10-kilometer road march with full field pack and weapon.

In presenting the awards, Col. Bruce noted that over 70 percent of the officers in the U.S. Army are commissioned through ROTC. "Our sole purpose at the University is to attract students with the right potential to provide the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army in the defense of the nation. The cadet Rangers participating in this year's Challenge prove we are finding the right kind of future leaders."

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# briefs



Brett Chamberlin

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## Senator of the week

By LETHUY NGUYEN  
Staff Writer

Brett Chamberlin, incumbent senator-at-large, received the honor of SGA senator of the week award.

Chamberlin is a freshman biology pre-med major. He graduated from Bossier High School and had definite plans to attend LSUS.

"I like LSUS. It isn't that bad a school," Chamberlin said.

As one of the SGA senators-at-

large, Chamberlin hopes to promote a more positive attitude towards LSUS.

Chamberlin worries that the negative attitude toward LSUS hinders any possibilities of progress at LSUS.

He serves on a student affairs committee in charge of promoting such changes as another free hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 12:00-1:00 p.m., and longer library hours.

"A lot of students work about

40 hours a week and aren't able to make it to the library until 9:00 p.m., at which time the library closes."

Chamberlin finds the program at LSUS to his satisfaction but adds that an athletic program would bring more opportunities to LSUS. He supported the Division III athletics proposal.

On plans for the future, Chamberlin hopes to practice family medicine after med school.

## Tax reforms affect students

The Tax Reform Act has made major changes which will impact professionals and students in these areas: Form W-4, personal exemption, filing requirement and scholarships and fellowships.

A signed W-4 must be provided to the employer on or before the student starts his employment. If the student has previously worked for this employer, he should have submitted a revised W-4 to his employer before Oct. 1, 1987.

Students will not be able to claim "exempt" status on Form W-4 if they are claimed as dependents by their parents or guardians and have earnings over \$2,540 or a combination of earned and unearned income over \$500. Those who cannot be claimed as a dependent on their parents' or guardians' tax return will be subject to the same

general rules as other taxpayers.

The old law provided that a student could claim his own exemption even if he could be claimed as a dependent by his parent or guardian.

Under the new law, personal exemption is not allowed for an individual who is eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

Filing requirements differ for students who are self-supporting and students who may be claimed as a dependent. A single, unmarried student who cannot be claimed as a dependent may receive up to \$4,480 in 1987 before being required to file.

A student who can be claimed as a dependent and has unearned income, such as interest, dividends and investment income, that exceed \$500 must file a

tax return for 1987.

A student who can be claimed as a dependent and does not have any unearned income but does have wages of more than \$2,540 in 1987 is required to file a tax return.

The 1986 Tax Reform Act affects all scholarships and fellowships granted after Aug. 16, 1986. Only degree candidates will now be allowed to exclude amounts used for tuition and related expenses such as books, supplies and equipment for courses of instruction. Amounts received for room and board and other incidental expenses are taxable. Payments made to non-degree students or for services rendered, such as teaching, are also taxable.

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## Scholarship

Applications for the Walter O. Bigby Scholarship are now being accepted.

The student should be entering his or her junior or senior year with a 3.0 grade point average and be pursuing a major in political science, English, history, or pre-law liberal arts.

The student must be carrying 15 hours a semester and be enrolled continuously during the fall and spring semesters.

Applications should be completed and in the hands of the Dr. Robert Colbert by noon, April 4. Applications should be accompanied by a brief letter of recommendation from one faculty member.

## Cycling

Cyclists of all levels and ages are invited to meet in the HPE parking lot to join fellow LSUS faculty, staff and students for Saturday morning bike rides on

March 5, 12, 19 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

For more information contact Kurt Rensink at 797-5323

## Comedy act

A Sound Technician, Lighting Technician and Projectionist are needed for the University Center. Contact UC 232 or call 797-5393 for more information.

## Washington

Registration for the annual LSUS Washington Semester (May 19 — June 6) is scheduled for March 18 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in BH 148.

Participants should stop by the American Studies office before next Friday to go over the required registration procedure. For further information, contact Dr. William D. Pederson, or Sally D. Montgomery, at 797-5349, Monday thru Friday mornings.

## Camping trip

Any faculty staff or students interested in a camping trip to

Lake Ouachita and Lake DeGray in Arkansas are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Caddo-Bossier room of the UC.

Contact Kurt Rensink at 797-5323 for more information.

## UC openings

Entertainer David Naster will perform at 8 p.m. next Thursday in the UC Theater. His act includes stand-up comedy, percussion, strange and touching characters, and a bit of clowning.

Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for the public.

## Tri Deltas

Beta-Rho Chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority is pleased to announce its officers for the academic year 1988-89. They are:

President, Ashley Elston; Executive Vice-President, Tracy Holley; Pledge Trainer, Elizabeth Humphries; Chaplain, Selena Spicer; Recording Secretary, Laura Norton; Social Chairman, Amy Funderburke



## campus profiles



Robby Wise kicks some air

photo by Kevin Jerome

## Wise takes 18 hours, has job and blackbelt

By JEFF ABNEY  
Staff Writer

He's quiet and unassuming during the interview. It's obvious he doesn't like talking about himself or what he can do. What Robby Wise does however, is anything but quiet and unassuming.

This 18-year-old pre-med major just made the Louisiana state black belt team in Tae-Kwon-Do. He has only been involved in the sport two-and-a-half years.

Wise is unusual in two aspects. The first is the length of time it took for him to become a black belt. "There are people who get their black belts in two years, but it's not very common. I know people who have been practicing for three and four years and still haven't made it. It's not that I have any more ability than anyone else. I was just obsessed with working-out and getting into higher ranks."

The working-out plays a large role in the sport. In preparation for his upcoming Olympic trials, Wise works-out for two-and-a-half hours every weeknight and two-and-a-half hours on Saturdays. Sundays become a sort of recuperation period. This might not sound like a large amount of time, but Wise also juggles a job and 18 hours of school. "It's really not that much of a problem until test time, then it gets a little hectic, because I go to practice no matter what, and I just stay up

even later studying." All the time spent practicing is important. Wise will be competing with about two hundred black belts this spring at National trials for the United States Olympic team. To say the least it's a very stressful situation, but Wise has his ways of dealing with it. "You tend to hit on the heavy bag a lot harder if you are in a bad mood. You don't think about losing or what happens if you get hit, you just think about winning — about doing the best you can."

Aside from the structured competition side of the sport, there's the aspect that everyone seems to want to know about. Does it really help in a fight? "You don't use Tae-Kwon-Do for fighting, you use it for self-defense," Wise said. "It definitely works as a self-defense, though, if you use it right. If somebody takes a swing at you, you can't just decide to beat them senseless," he said. "The law doesn't allow it, nor does our training. If you go to the extremes of violence in defending yourself, you can be tried in court as having a concealed weapon."

Wise became interested in the sport for several reasons. "Basically it always fascinated me, just seeing it. I had some friends who got me started in it, and it turned into an obsession. I used to swim competitively, but that got boring so I needed something else to help me stay in shape."

A lot of people think that Tae-Kwon-Do isn't for them, but anyone can do it. It's like anything else — something you have to put a little time into." Wise seems sincere in his belief that it's a sport for anyone. He should know — He also teaches the sport. He's quick to point out, however, that it's not just a sport, but rather a martial art. "A martial art is based on codes of honor and respect, a sport isn't," he said.

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## Leprechaun talks

By MARTHA BARKLEY  
Staff Writer

**IRELAND:** March 17, 493. A heavy silence blankets the land. All mourn. Yes, it's true. The rumor is correct. Saint Patrick is dead.

**SHREVEPORT:** March 17, 1988. An unidentified man, dressed in green, has been reported painting, pasting, plastering shamrocks everywhere around the city.

Honored by an interview with this still anonymous green guy, your humble seeker-of-truth dedicated herself to unraveling this colored mystery.

When questioned about name, history, family background, and actual shoe size; no answer was given. Obviously a tough nut to crack, it would require a wealth of journalistic knowledge to get him to talk. I was prepared.

He began by admitting that this date was not picked randomly. In reverence to the big St. Pat "No Name," chose March 17

as a type of resurrection.

"Hey, Jesus has Easter. I just figured St. Patrick should have a day, too."

The shamrock also proved no coincidence. "It's the Trinity girlie, girl. Get it? Father, Son, Holy Ghost! Jesus already took the egg at Easter and I thought this was pretty catchy symbolism, if I do say so myself."

I had him right where I wanted him. "So what about a 4-leaf clover?" I stunned him. "A split personality maybe?" I asked. "Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Casper the Friendly Ghost?"

At this point he hopped up, slapped a shamrock (only 3 leaves) on me and took off. I was not able to reach him for further comment. He faked an address and phone number.

The shamrocks kept appearing and everyone wore green. The little man disappeared, but next year I will catch him and ask about this fascination with the color green.



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# March madness—a season for hoops

By RODNEY MALLETT  
Sports Editor

The biggest event in college athletics begins this weekend as the NCAA basketball tournament gets started.

This weekend the committee will decide what teams will receive a bid, what bracket they will be in and the seeds for each region. The actual tournament starts Thursday March 17.

There will be 64 teams invited, and they will be split up into the four regions. The action starts a week before the bids are given out with conference tournaments. In some conference tournaments the winner receives an automatic bid, and in others it only looks good to the NCAA committee, as in Louisiana Tech's case.

There are some conferences where the winner of the tournament and the season winner plus a couple of other teams will try their luck for the championship.

The first conference that comes to mind is the Big Ten who

spit out last year's winner, Indiana. This year Indiana may get a bid because the Big-Ten is one of the best competitive conferences around. Guaranteed bids go to Michigan and Purdue with Illinois as another possibility.

The Big East is another that is loaded with powerhouses. Syracuse went to the championship game last year and has three all-American candidates on their team, Rony Seikaly, Derrick Coleman and Sherman Douglas. Pittsburgh will also be tough with All-American Jerome Lane leading the way. Georgetown and Seton Hall, if they look good in the conference tourney, may get bids.

The ACC will be well-represented again. North Carolina won the conference and only has one senior on the team. Anything they accomplish this year should be a slight preview of how awesome they will be next season. Duke could make it to the final four, especially if Danny Ferry can keep producing for them. The ACC is highly competitive and any team can win the tournament. Whoever wins will get an automatic bid.

The SEC will have a reason to be proud with Kentucky as the main representative. They are tough and if Rex Chapman's broken bone in his back does not slow him down, they should reach

at least the sweet sixteen. The SEC is another conference where any team could win.

There are other schools not from powerhouse conferences that teams should be aware of, mainly Temple. They have been impressive all year behind

freshman star Mark Macon. They have three point range in Mike Vreeswyk. Bradley is another team that could shock with NCAA leading scorer Hersey Hawkins providing the offense. In a game this year Hawkins scored 63 points.

## Phi Mu beats ZTA in double overtime

By RODNEY MALLETT  
Sports Editor

"It was the best woman's basketball game I've ever seen out here," said Mike Smith one of the referees for Wednesday night's double overtime, semi-final game between Phi Mu and ZTA.

It was the first time the teams had met all year and over 50 people turned out to watch the game. They were not disappointed.

The first half ended 11-10 with the Phi Mu team ahead. Phi Mu was led by Terry Matthews' 8 points while ZTA relied on Mandy Morgan and her 6 to keep the game close.

The second half was very physical and both teams were in the bonus with two and a half minutes left. ZTA had the ball with twelve seconds left with the game tied at 24 and only managed to get off one shot—a miss. Phi Mu did a good job of being patient and not fouling. Phi Mu did throw up a desperation shot with one second left it fell short and the game went to overtime.

The first overtime was dominated by ZTA. They capitalized on free throw opportunities and Jenny Kern pulled down some key offensive rebounds. But the Zetas got careless with a three point lead and seven seconds.

Michelle Mooney, who had been scoreless the whole overtime period, grabbed the in-

bounds pass raced down the sideline and hit a layup while being fouled. Mooney sank the free throw to tie the game send it to double overtime at 31 all.

In the second OT Mooney continued her hot streak. She was the only person to score and she did it four times as Phi Mu beat ZTA 35-31 for a shot at the championship Monday night against ...ATS. Tracey Matthews led all scorers with 14 points and Hiedi Robertson had 13 for ZTA.

In men's tournament action Sneeze Patrol beat the Tarheels 82 to 55 as Brett Randolph had 32 in the winning effort. The Byrdmen defeated the Kneewalkers 51-45 with Tom Person leading all scorers with 22. Kappa Sig Fishead stunk in their 79-41 loss to Cobra. ROTC marched over the other Kappa Sig team, the Psychos, 63-35. ROTC was led by C. Howell's 19 points.

Jemal Hall scored 33 as Full Force ripped Just Us 91 to 47. Terry Josting hit 4 three-pointers on his way to a game high 26 in ...ATS' win over Cobra. LSUS Finest won a squeaker by beating SOL 55-54.

BSU-A kept up the good tournament play they are known for by winning over the Mansfield 5. Full Force trounced ROTC 105-71. Hall was hot man again with 36. ROTC was led by W. Evans' 25.

Mike Bradford hit 32 and Josting had 5 three-pointers as ATS flew past the Byrdmen 102-65.

## Softball starts

Intramural basketball is the most popular activity in sports on campus for now. But it is coming to a close.

Competitors have nothing to worry about though because softball is up next. Entries are due Tuesday, March 15 and there is a mandatory team captain meeting the following Wednesday at 12:10 in UC 211.

The softball season begins with the LSUS version of all-star

Saturday. First there is the tournament then the Home Run Derby. This event takes place March 19 at the Intramural Fields behind the gym.

The team tennis tournament is also gearing up. Entries are due today and play begins Monday, March 14.

For any information concerning Intramural activities call 797-5323.



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Sneeze Patrol vs. Tarheels in tournament game.

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## campus news

### Lowery optimistic

By LETHUY NGUYEN  
Staff Writer

Reverend Joseph Lowery addressed the issue of politics in the black community this past Tuesday.

Dr. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, worked in the Civil Rights movement from its beginning in the 1950s and 60s, up to the present. His efforts extend beyond national affairs.

Lowery made international headlines by leading a delegation to the Middle East, where he made a direct challenge to official U.S. policy by calling for Palestinian participation in the peace talks.

During the program, Lowery focused on the impor-

tance of the black community in the political process.

Lowery expressed concern over the apathy facing civil rights issues that the black community faced over twenty years ago. He feels that just because the major crisis is over, there shouldn't be less concern progress in the black community. "If there is no tension between what is and what ought to be, civilization is the loser," he said.

In his closing remarks, Lowery expressed optimism for the future.

"The black presence has the capacity to translate adversity into opportunities... I try to keep hope alive... We've got some darker days ahead of us."

### Live Music

**HUMPFREES, (114 Texas):** Exit — tonight and Saturday.

**ENOCH'S A CAFE, (1911 Centenary Blvd.):** Roadhogs, Texas blues — tonight; Harpat-tack — Saturday.

**EDWARD ST. GROCERY, (401 Edward St.):** Dorsey Summerfield — tonight; Steve Ramsey — Saturday.

**CENTENARY OYSTER HOUSE, (1309 Centenary Blvd.):** My Generation — tonight and Saturday.

**CIRCLE IN THE SQUARE, (630 Commerce):** Majesty, from New Orleans — tonight and Saturday.

**CONNIE'S HIDEAWAY, (3975 Greenwood Rd.):** The Firecreek Band — tonight and Saturday.

### Stage band jams

By MELANIE GORDON  
Contributing Writer

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4 measures before 41...

D natural - a minor...and numerous other musical lingo can be heard in the practice sessions of LSUS' newly forming stage band.

The new band is in the very early evolutionary process but the potential for a great band is there because of the quality of the musicians, says Joe Patrick, the faculty member helping with the organization.

Patrick, a Foreign Language instructor at LSUS, states that in a community this size, there is a real need for a stage band.

Formerly, LSUS had the Symphonic Wind Ensemble which played about two concerts a semester, and at various civic functions. Sometimes the ensemble was supplemented with other professional musicians in the community.

When the full-time music faculty was no longer at LSUS, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble died as well.

Patrick's organization of the

band is in response to a calling in the community for musicians to represent the campus. He stated that LSUS has been asked to play for the Independence Bowl and other public functions but because there has been no band...

Although Patrick, himself a trombonist, is acting as the organizer and "conductor" at present, the real hope is for a student conductor.

Considering the musical needs of the students, the band is keeping its repertoire broad to include popular tunes, jazz selections, dixieland jazz, and even some marches.

Presently, there are about eight students attending practice regularly, and any former high school musician is invited to participate. The band meets in the language lab on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

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## Agnostic defined

Dear Editor:

Depending on what you read these days Jimmy Swaggart is a beaut(y)or a bum. However, what irritates me are the people who criticize everything having to do with religion and then call themselves agnostics; it's obvious they do not know what an agnostic really is and where the term originated. So get out our highlighters, kiddies: it's lesson time.

Agnostic thought patterns can be traced as far back as the early Greeks but the term itself was coined by Thomas Huxley in the late 19th century. Huxley, an educator and lecturer, was the spokesman for Darwinism as Charles Darwin himself was horrified about public speaking and preferred to write down his information rather than talk about it. At first labeled an atheist by London newspapers, Huxley thoroughly embarrassed Cardinal Samuel Wilberforce in a public debate over the viability of the evolution theory. It wasn't because Wilberforce was a bad debater; he just did not 'do his homework' on the evolution theory and thus did not know what he was arguing against. He therefore kept reciting church dogma in his defense and succeeded in alienating not only Huxley but the majority of the English audience as well.

Huxley settled on the term 'agnostic' because the newspapers kept trying to 'hang' labels on him so he decided if he had to have one, he wanted it to be one of his own choosing.

Derived from the Greek word 'agnostos' (meaning unknown or unknowable), it fit perfectly with Huxley's philosophy: there are unseen and unfathomable powers at work in the universe which are beyond the capability of humankind to understand. Whether these powers represent a form of deity or not is not known and probably cannot be known. In short, if there is a decision to be made as to whether or not God exists, the agnostic has not yet made it. Or, in political parlance, not all the precincts have been heard from yet.

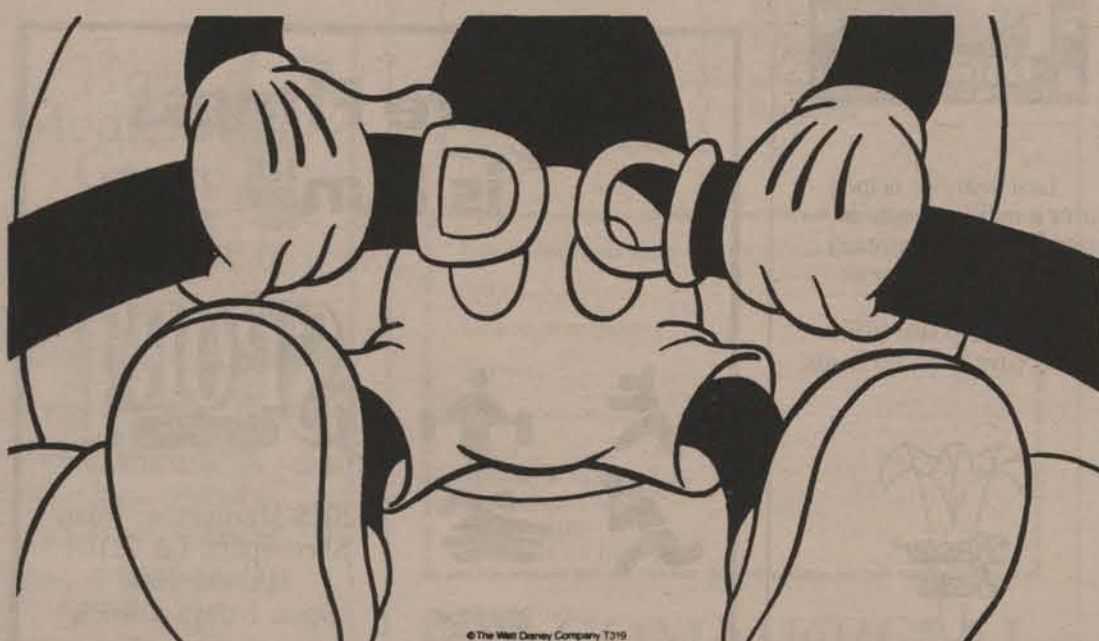
Before some of the readers go off screaming "atheist" like the crowd that killed Socrates, a comparison of philosophies is in order. The atheist believes that God does NOT exist; an agnostic has not decided yet. An atheist wants all religious institutions and beliefs outlawed, while an agnostic takes the time to research and analyze each one before it is praised or condemned. An atheist sees no value in theological study but an agnostic places high value on the virtues it extols and respects anyone's desire to study them. Basically an atheist is just as dogmatic in his/her approach to religion as a religious zealot is in his. The one thing an agnostic despises is dogma of any kind. Anything that discourages open thought and rational decision-making is on the agnostic's "hit list."

The controversy of recent weeks has generated a lot of so-called agnostic comment which appears to be thinly veiled

atheism because it has attacked religious thought and practice in general, something a true agnostic would not indulge in nor tolerate. Televangelism originally started because strict followers of Christianity saw it as a modern way of proselytizing their beliefs. However, over the years it has become a symbol of excess and turpitude that the originators could have foreseen only in their worst nightmares. Agnostically speaking, televangelism has destroyed itself through graft, corruption and moral laxity. If Christianity is to remain a viable force in today's society it must reinforce and support the arena that needs it the most: namely, the local churches and congregations. The hypocrites must be weeded out and the followers told that it is all right to ask questions, providing the church is ready to give them acceptable answers. Being able to recite chapter and verse is NOT what religion should be; it is supposed to provide inner strength when it is needed and lessons for living that encourage love for all humankind, from the poor to the pious. When a religious organization places the value of the institution above that of the individual it has lost its viability and should be dissolved.

I proudly call myself an agnostic because I, like Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and, of course, Thomas Huxley, prefer to examine and study before I make a choice, if one must be made. Have a profitable day: think about something!

Tom Eytton-Jones



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